

GreenSnape news

Summer 2026



Everyone enjoyed our Summer Party on 18th July at Abbey Farm. During the heatwave it was a relief to have a slightly cooler day. Willow of Fromus Square, Saxmundham provided fabulous salads & Grainne & Cath cooked the delicious ham, chicken and salmon—thank you all—and also Miranda for hosting us.

We've had a busy summer, with trips to Maple organic farm, SWT Martlesham Wilds & Bedfield Hall. Our spring migrants bird walk was enjoyed by 22 members & our orchid count on Snape Marshes produced 13,500 Southern Marsh orchids!

We are currently working with Huma Pearce, a local bat ecologist, who has placed static bat recorders at Priory Wood, Snape Church & in a member's garden. We are excitedly waiting for the results. Last year in Snape Common Wood she detected 9 of the 11 bat species regularly found in Suffolk.

Several years after we put up 30 swift boxes in the village, the birds have at last started using them in good numbers. Exciting times!

Here are the rest of our events this year—we hope to see you there:

Mon 24th August—Guided visit to Orford Ness 9.30-1.00pm followed by Riverside Tearoom. Invitation coming out shortly.

Sat 26th September—Cutting/raking wildflower verges, Church Road and Common—10.00am

Sat 17th October—Village sign cleaning—10.00am

Wed 18th November—Annual Social/AGM—7pm for 7.30 Snape Village Hall
Speaker—Eddie Bathgate of Suffolk Bird Group. Eddie will be talking about swifts—he himself has 22 swift boxes on his house, most of which are occupied!

Sat 5th Dec—Holly thinning—Snape Common Wood—10.00am

Mon 7th Dec—Festive Social 7.00pm (provisionally at the Golden Key)

With very best wishes from your **GreenSnape** Committee.